



# SINDH EDUCATION FACT SHEET



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**The U.S. government's partnership with Pakistan is reflected in many important programs in Sindh province.** Beyond providing disaster relief during the historic floods, the United States supports initiatives in the energy, economic growth, education, and health sectors, amongst other areas. Here are some of our initiatives in the education sector:

**The United States Has More Educational Exchanges With Pakistan Than With Any Other Country** – Over 1,000 Pakistani high school, undergraduate, graduate students, and professionals participated in U.S.-sponsored exchange programs in 2012. This includes the largest Fulbright academic exchange program in the world. About 375 Pakistanis are currently studying in the United States under the Fulbright program and many are from Sindh. Moreover, Pakistan has the world's largest International Visitor Leadership Exchange Program. About 200 future leaders representing various fields, many from Sindh, visited the United States in 2012 through this program.

**Reconstructing Schools in Northern Sindh** – The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing \$155 million to support the Government of Sindh's Basic Education Program (SBEP) in Sindh. This includes up to \$81 million for the construction of 120 schools in seven districts of Sindh and five towns of Karachi. This will advance the Sindh Government's school-reform policy to merge and consolidate schools and to reconstruct flood-damaged schools.

**Other Sindh School Reconstruction** – USAID is providing the Sindh Department of Education and Literacy with \$4 million to repair and rehabilitate schools damaged in the 2011 floods in the four southern Sindh districts of Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Umerkot, and Tando Allahyar.

**Funding Teacher Training in 90 Pakistani Teacher Colleges and Universities** – Under this USAID-funded Teacher Education Project, students are enrolled in two-year Associate Degree in Education and four-year Bachelor's Degree in Education programs in Sindh. A total of 1,900 students across Pakistan will participate in this program, which is being implemented in close collaboration with



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the provincial and regional departments of education, universities, and elementary teacher education colleges.

**Linking a U.S. and Pakistani University for Academic Excellence** – The United States is providing \$1 million to establish a partnership between Isra University in Hyderabad and Ball State University in Indiana. The partnership, which focuses on business administration, will encourage faculty and student exchanges, collaborative research, and curriculum development.

**Teaching English to More Than 5,000 Low-Income Children** – The English Access Micro Scholarship Program in Jacobabad just graduated 120 students, with 100 more students studying in Hyderabad and over 1,500 in Karachi. We also provide teacher training workshops and online courses for teachers to improve their level of English-language teaching practice.

**Helping Women Stay in School** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food for Education Program is improving school enrollment, attendance, and retention in Jacobabad's schools by distributing cooking oil to 30,000 school girls, 700 teachers, and 2,500 pregnant women/nursing mothers as an incentive for regular attendance.

**Helping Graduate Students Find Jobs** – Sukkur Institute of Business Administration's Career Development Center, established in 2011 with USAID funding, is supporting graduate students through training, equipment, networking, and job-placement opportunities. The Center was established to promote the concept "right person, right job," supporting graduates from both higher education and vocational training institutes to develop the skills necessary to find good jobs.

**To learn more about U.S.-Pakistan education initiatives please visit:**  
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